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SUBJECT: BIO DATA REPORT: FRANCIS, MAYANN, NOVA SCOTIA'S NEW
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

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1. (U) Per reftel Prime Minister Harper has named Mayann Francis to be Nova Scotia's new Lieutenant Governor. Following is biographic material on Ms. Francis who will be sworn in on September 7, 2006.

2. (U) NAME: Mayann Elizabeth FRANCIS

3. (SBU) DATE OF BIRTH: February 18, 1946

4. (U) PLACE OF BIRTH: Sydney (Whitney Pier), Nova Scotia, Canada

5. (SBU) MARITAL STATUS: Unmarried

6. (U) FAMILY: daughter of Archpriest George A. Francis and Thelma D. Francis

7. (U) FUTURE POSITION: To assume the position of Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Nova Scotia, Canada, September 7, 2006

8. (U) PAST POSITIONS:

- 1999- 2006 - Chief Executive Officer, the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission
- 2000 - 2003 - Nova Scotia Ombudsman (concurrent with the position of CEO of the Human Rights Commission)
- Senior-level positions in the Ontario government, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Ontario Women's Directorate as an Assistant Deputy Minister.
- Administrative Manager with the Office of the District Attorney in Kings County, New York
- Human Rights Officer, N.S. Human Rights Commission
- Employment Equity Officer, Dalhousie University, Halifax

9. (U) EDUCATION:

- 2003: Certificate in Theological Studies, Atlantic School of Theology, Halifax, Nova Scotia
- 1984: Master's degree in Public Administration, New York University
- 1972: Bachelor of Arts Degree, St. Mary's University, Halifax, Nova Scotia

10. (U) AWARDS:

- 2000: Harry Jerome Award (awarded by the Black Business and Professional Association) recognizing excellence in management and leadership in a profession.
- Honored by the Multicultural Education Council of Nova Scotia
- Awarded Golden Jubilee Medal
- Recipient of the Silver Plaque Award from the N.S. Human Rights Commissions, recognizing outstanding contribution in the field of human rights.

¶11. (U) MEMBERSHIPS: Member of numerous community, education, business, and service organizations

¶12. (U) DISTINCTIONS: First Black Lieutenant Governor for Nova Scotia; first female Ombudsman for Nova Scotia

¶13. (U) ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: Profiled in numerous publications, including Millennium Minds, One hundred Black Canadians, the Who's Who in Black Canada, Canadian Who's Who and the Globe and Mail.

¶14. (U) PUBLICATIONS: Monthly columnist for the Halifax "Chronicle Herald"

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